## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Guidelines for dealing cases, of evasion of Central Excise Duty

*205. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in accordance with the guidelines laid down by Central Board of Excise and Customs prosecutions in excise evasion cases are normally launched immediately after adjudication proceedings are completed particularly of cigarette companies; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not launching prosecutions against M/s. ITC Limited and their Directors where adjudication was completed by the Director General of Inspection, New Delhi in April, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement**

(a) Prosecutions are normally launched after completion of adjudication proceedings having regard to all the relevant factors; there are no special provisions for the cases of cigarette companies.

(b) A decision to launch prosecution against ITC has been taken. However, implementation of this decision has been delayed on account of certain legal issues not being resolved so far, relating to determination of courts of competent jurisdiction and the persons to be prosecuted besides the company. These matters are being pursued actively.

### Comprehensive Plant to check Population growth

*206. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 18th August, 1991, regarding comprehensive plan to check population growth;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the plan;

(c) whether the State Governments will be provided additional grants for implementing the proposed family planning programmes; and

(d) if so, what are the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House .

**Statement**

The salient features of the comprehensive plan to check the population growth include improvement of the quality and out-reach of Family Welfare services, renewed emphasis on reduction of infant, child and maternal mortality through Universal Immunization Programme and Maternal and Child Health Care activities, greater participation of the community in the Family Welfare Programme, closer involvement of voluntary agencies and non-governmental organisation in Family Welfare activities and increasing the information, education and communication inputs for motivation of the people and for bringing about attitudinal changes for their participation in the programme.